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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 3 with the following:

--An exemplary screenshot 600 of a GUI for creating virtual volumes is shown in Fig. 6A. Screenshot 600 includes display areas 610 and 620 as well as a toolbar 630. Display area 610 displays a list of physical storage devices (e.g., storage devices 245), display area 620 displays virtual volumes that have been created, and toolbar 630 provides functions for creating and managing virtual volumes. In order to create a mirror virtual volume, a user first selects storage devices to be included in virtual volumes. Selection is made by clicking, e.g., using a mouse on requested storage devices shown in display area 610. In Fig. 6B, selected disks are labeled "Stor_9" and "Stor_11". Second, after selecting storage devices, a user clicks on a mirror button shown in toolbar 630. Finally, a user is prompted to enter a name for a new mirror volume. As shown in Fig. 6B, after providing a name, the new mirror volume and its physical units are hierarchically displayed in display area 620. A user may then choose to expose new virtual volume by clicking on an "expose" button. --